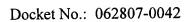
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For: FUEL CELL, POLYELECTROLYTE AND ION-EXCHANGE RESIN USED FOR SAME

REQUEST TO APPLY FEES

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Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of the Decision on the Petition Under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2), filed in connection with the above-identified application, dated April 4, 2005, in connection with the above-identified application and respectfully request that the Issue Fee and Publication Fee paid on January 14, 2005, be applied to the attached new Notice. A copy of the Decision is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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This is a decision on the petition, filed April 4, 2005, under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is GRANTED.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

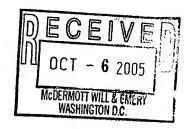
Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on January 14, 2005 in the above-identified application cannot be refunded. If, however, the above-identified application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to Irvin Dingle at (571) 272-3210.

This matter will be forwarded to Technology Center AU 1745 for processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and for consideration of the concurrently filed Information Disclosure Statement.

Irvin Dingle
Petitions Examiner
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Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy



The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85(b), which includes the following language thereon: Commissioner for Patents is requested to apply the Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if any) or re-apply any previously paid issue fee to the application identified above. Petitioner is advised that, whether a fee is indicated as being due or not, the Issue Fee Transmittal Form must be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment. Note the language in bold text on the first page of the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (PTOL-85).